

# WE HAVE DONE IT

We have reached a milestone that once seemed impossible during 2009–2010. The Rotary Foundation has collected over US \$11.7 million from India. Congratulations. Large hearted Rotarians have contributed handsomely and in spite of economic recession and other setbacks, they have supported The Rotary Foundation.

I congratulate all Rotarians who have given hope to The Rotary Foundation. It is you, my friends, who have taken the money from your pockets to promote life giving programmes as polio eradication, literacy, health promotion and ultimately peace. These Rotarians contributed because they were motivated by club leaders. The club Presidents worked overtime and spent valuable moments to prevail upon the members to give more and more. Thank you club Presidents and the club's Rotary Foundation Chairmen.

The clubs were inspired to contribute by the District Governors and many of them had almost only one point programme — the promotion of The Rotary Foundation. The district leadership availed of every opportunity — be it the Installation function, be it the official Club visit, be it the Charter Night celebrations, be it the Inter City Fora. The Rotary Foundation was



always their concern. Thank you district leaders for the great job you have done and it is because of you that we have achieved a miracle. I can never forget the role of RRFCs and ARRFCs with whose guidance and assistance the DGs were able to promote the programmes of TRF to the clubs.

The role played by senior Rotary leaders and Past District Governors must be mentioned. These senior leaders were always there to assist, guide, promote and encourage the district leaders during the year. Their wealth of knowledge and experience was one of the key factors in promoting The Rotary Foundation.

The RI South Asia Office in New Delhi had to work overtime to collect, record, deposit and audit the contributions that flowed

in. In the last few days of the Rotary year 2009–10, they were burdened with the un-enviable task of maintaining records and depositing a plethora of cheques that were sent to their office. They deserve recognition for their work.

Friends, the New Year has begun. We cannot afford to rest on our laurels. We reached a magical figure during 2009–2010. But it is not a destination. It is but one step of the ladder that goes higher. Only you can take the step to reach higher levels. Let us surprise all by reaching more majestic heights. Shall we target for US \$15 million during 2010–2011? We are capable of achieving it. Let us provide The Rotary Foundation with another unique feat of excellence.

Let us optimise our performance. Let us inculcate pride in our achievements. Let us go that extra mile with confidence. Let us do the unthinkable, the almost unattainable. Let us make Rotary proud of our efforts.

I know you can make this happen.



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